

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kayana Tyson

**Date Submitted:** 09/26/2024 02:05 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0038-S8

**Comments for Public Posting:** We urge the City Council and Mayor Bass to adopt the ULA program guidelines as recommended by the ULA COC without amendments, retaining permanent affordability requirements and keeping families in Los Angeles housed for generations.



09/26/2024

City of Los Angeles Councilmembers  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: Council File 23-0038-S8 - Support ULA Permanent Program Guidelines without amendments**

Dear Honorable Councilmembers:

Brilliant Corners supports the ULA Permanent Program Guidelines as recommended by the ULA Citizens Oversight Committee (COC), without amendments. These program guidelines were developed and adopted by the ULA COC through extensive collaboration with subject matter experts in the City of LA Housing Department, the United to House coalition, Mayor Bass's office, and the offices of both the Housing & Homelessness and Budget, Finance & Innovation Committee Chairs. As recommended by the COC, these program guidelines comprise the necessary requirements to help address the roots of the affordable housing and homelessness crises in our city, and to achieve ULA's transformative goals, the first of which is to improve residents' access to permanently affordable housing.<sup>1</sup>

Brilliant Corners is a supportive housing nonprofit operating statewide to provide innovative housing and housing-related services to individuals at risk of institutionalization as well as people experiencing chronic homelessness. In Los Angeles, Brilliant Corners is developing five multi-family properties and has provided supportive housing services to over 11,000 people.

The affordable housing sector's use of time-limited affordability covenants contributes to the affordable housing crisis. Currently, the City of LA has 5,929 affordable units that will expire by December 31, 2027.<sup>2</sup> Residents in those homes now face uncertainty about their future rents and may be at risk of displacement. With these program guidelines, we have a rare opportunity to establish a better paradigm, recommended by experts, that keeps homes affordable for generations and that maximizes the public's investment in these homes by keeping them affordable in perpetuity.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Measure ULA: Los Angeles Administrative Code, Div. 22, Ch. 24, Art. 9, Sec. 22.618.1. PURPOSE.

<sup>2</sup> [https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2023/23-0311\\_rpt\\_laht\\_11-09-2023.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2023/23-0311_rpt_laht_11-09-2023.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> <https://vhcb.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/articles/permanentaffordability06.pdf>

We urge the City Council and Mayor Bass to adopt the ULA program guidelines as recommended by the ULA COC without amendments, retaining permanent affordability requirements and keeping families in Los Angeles housed for generations.

Sincerely,

William Pickel  
CEO  
Brilliant Corners

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Helen Leung

**Date Submitted:** 09/26/2024 09:23 AM

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9/24/24

City of Los Angeles Councilmembers  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: Council File 23-0038-S8 - Support ULA Permanent Program Guidelines without amendments**

Dear Honorable Councilmembers:

LA Más supports the ULA Permanent Program Guidelines as recommended by the ULA Citizens Oversight Committee (COC), without amendments. These program guidelines were developed and adopted by the ULA COC through extensive collaboration with subject matter experts in the City of LA Housing Department, the United to House coalition, Mayor Bass's office, and the offices of both the Housing & Homelessness and Budget, Finance & Innovation Committee Chairs. As recommended by the COC, these program guidelines comprise the necessary requirements to help address the roots of the affordable housing and homelessness crises in our city, and to achieve ULA's transformative goals, the first of which is to improve residents' access to permanently affordable housing.<sup>1</sup>

LA Más keeps working class neighbors rooted in Northeast LA (NELA). We are a community organization building collective power and ownership for neighborhood stability and economic resilience. **We envision a regenerative Northeast LA that transforms our relationship to land, labor & care.** The affordable housing sector's use of time-limited affordability covenants contributes to the affordable housing crisis. Currently, the City of LA has 5,929 affordable units that will expire by December 31, 2027.<sup>2</sup> Residents in those homes now face uncertainty about their future rents and may be at risk of displacement. With these program guidelines, we have a rare opportunity to establish a better paradigm, recommended by experts, that keeps homes affordable for generations and that maximizes the public's investment in these homes by keeping them affordable in perpetuity.<sup>3</sup>

We urge the City Council and Mayor Bass to adopt the ULA program guidelines as recommended by the ULA COC without amendments, retaining permanent affordability requirements and keeping families in Los Angeles housed for generations.

Sincerely,

Helen Leung

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Executive Director  
LA Más

## Communication from Public

**Name:** United Teachers Los Angeles  
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September 26, 2024

Los Angeles City Council Members  
200 N Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: Council File 23-0038-S8 - Support ULA Permanent Program Guidelines without amendments**

Dear Los Angeles City Council Members,

On behalf of United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA), we write to urge you to adopt the ULA Permanent Program Guidelines as recommended by the ULA Citizens Oversight Committee (COC) without amendments. These program guidelines were developed and adopted by the ULA COC through extensive collaboration with subject matter experts in the City of LA Housing Department, the United to House coalition, Mayor Bass's office, and the offices of both the Housing & Homelessness and Budget, Finance & Innovation Committee Chairs. As recommended by the COC, these program guidelines comprise the necessary requirements to help address the roots of the affordable housing crisis in our city to create the safe, stable, and secure housing LAUSD students and families need.

In September 2024, LAUSD reported a 50% rise in students who have been identified as experiencing homelessness from the 2021-2022 school year to the 2023-2024 school year.<sup>1</sup> Our students who are facing homelessness and housing insecurity come to school tired, hungry, sick, and worried over where they will go after dismissal. Student enrollment in LAUSD schools has declined 18% over the last ten years as rent and home prices have skyrocketed in Los Angeles.<sup>2</sup>

Ensuring permanent affordability, strong tenant protections, and developing alternative models to housing would mean more security and stability for our students from their first day of school through graduation from LAUSD and beyond. Alternative housing models give residents collective ownership of where they live and the ability to make decisions collectively on matters like how much rent to pay, which repairs to make, and whether residents need a garden or daycare center on the property.

LAUSD is the third largest landholder in Los Angeles after LA County and LA City. In our collective bargaining with the district, 38,000 UTLA members won an agreement for a joint UTLA-LAUSD Task Force to identify vacant, unused LAUSD properties and make recommendations for developing affordable housing for LAUSD students and families. Funding from Measure ULA could be used to develop permanently affordable alternative housing models on these properties.

Bold decisions are needed now by this City Council to return the control of our neighborhoods from corporate ownership back to the hands of the communities that live in them.

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<sup>1</sup>Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles, Committee of the Whole. (2024). Student Support Programs: Support for Students Experiencing Homelessness and in Foster Care. Los Angeles Unified School District. [https://www.lausd.org/cms/lib/CA01000043/Centricity/Domain/1057/09-17-24COWAgenda\\_MaterialsPost.pdf](https://www.lausd.org/cms/lib/CA01000043/Centricity/Domain/1057/09-17-24COWAgenda_MaterialsPost.pdf).

<sup>2</sup>California Department of Education. 2023-24 Enrollment Multi-Year Summary for Charter and Non-Charter Schools: Los Angeles Unified Report. <https://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/dqcensus/EnrCharterYears.aspx?cds=1964733&aggllevel=district&year=2023-24>.

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Sincerely,



Cecily Myart-Cruz  
UTLA President



Belinda Barragán  
Pupil Services and Attendance Counselor  
UTLA Housing Task Force Member



Noah Campbell  
Hawkins High School Teacher  
UTLA Housing Task Force Member



Gloria Martinez  
UTLA Treasurer  
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